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CLAIMS:-

1. A substrate having an elongate element partially embedded therein and at least one discrete aperture
5 extending through the fibrous substrate exposing at least a part of the elongate element, wherein at least one edge of the elongate element is exposed in the aperture(s).
- 10 2. A substrate as claimed in claim 1 in which the elongate element bears indicia, images or information.
3. A substrate as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 in which the elongate element is wholly or partially
15 metallised.
4. A substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the elongate element bears one or more holographic images.
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5. A substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which of the elongate element has at least one colourshift areas.
- 25 6. A substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the elongate element has at least one security embossing.
- 30 7. A substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the elongate element is printed on one or both sides.
8. A substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which the elongate element bears a
35 liquid crystal material.
9. A substrate as claimed in any one of the

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preceding claims in which at least another part of the elongate element is exposed in on or more windows in at least one surface of the substrate.

5 10. A document made from a fibrous substrate according to any one of claims 1 to 9 comprising at least one aperture.

10 11. A document as claimed in claim 10 comprising a plurality of apertures.

15 12. A document as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11 comprising a security document, such as a banknote, cheque, travellers cheque, identity card, passport, bond or the like.

13. A document as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11 in which the document is a non-security document, such as an item of stationery, a label or the like.

14. A document comprising a plurality of sheets made from a fibrous substrate, according to any one of claims 1 to 9, in which each sheet comprises an aperture in an identical location.

15. A document comprising a plurality of sheets made from a fibrous substrate according to any one of claims 1 to 9 in which each sheet comprises an aperture in a location offset with respect to the location of the apertures in adjacent sheets.

16. A document as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 13 in which at least a part of an aperture is located along an edge of the document.

17. A method of making a fibrous substrate as claimed in any one of the preceding claims having an

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elongate element partially embedded therein, comprising the steps of providing drainage restriction areas on a porous support surface, depositing fibres on to the porous support surface around the drainage restriction areas to form a first layer, bringing the elongate element to lie in contact with the drainage restriction areas of the support surface, and depositing further paper fibres over the first layer to securely embed segments of the elongate element within the substrate between the drainage restriction areas, said drainage restriction areas being such as to substantially prevent the deposition of fibres thereon before and after the elongate element is laid thereover and to thereby form at least one discrete aperture extending through the fibrous substrate, wherein a width of the elongate element is less than a maximum width of the aperture(s).

18. A method as claimed in claim 17 further comprising the step of forming at least one window in at least one surface of the substrate in which a portion of the elongate element, not including either of its edges, is exposed.

19. A substrate substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

20. A method substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

21. A document substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and as shown in the accompanying drawings.